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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed July 24, 2002;
2. Certified ribbon copy of Australian foreign application PP8448; and
3. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 9236/2002. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 24, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iii).